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Identical letters dated 14 December 2002 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of Iraq to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and to the President of the Security Council

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to transmit to you herewith the daily report on the activities of the inspection teams of the United Nations Monitoring, Verification and Inspection Commission (UNMOVIC) and the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) in Iraq on 14 December 2002 (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have this letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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Daily report on the activities of the UNMOVIC and IAEA inspection teams in Iraq

Report on the activities carried out on 14 December 2002

The activities of the UNMOVIC and IAEA inspection teams on Saturday, 4 December 2002 , were as follows:

I. UNMOVIC chemical weapons inspection team

1. The UNMOVIC (chemical weapons) inspection team, comprised of 22 inspectors and headed by Krzysztof Strelau, set out from the Canal Hotel at 8.45 a.m. At 9.45 a.m., the team arrived at the Al-Qaqaa State Establishment, located 30 kilometres south-west of Baghdad, which manufactures materials for the conventional military industry. This was the second visit made by the inspection team to that Establishment; the first had taken place on 9 December. The team visited one of its factories, the Tariq Factory, and met with its director, posing a number of questions to him on the factory's activities since 1998, to which he duly responded. The team then proceeded to the production units and inspected tagged equipment, which it compared to the content of the Iraqi declarations. The team completed its work at 3 p.m. and arrived at the Canal Hotel at 4 p.m.

II. UNMOVIC biological weapons inspection team

The inspection team, comprised of 24 inspectors and headed by Ms. Kay Mereish, set out from the Canal Hotel at 8.35 a.m. At 9.05 a.m., it arrived at the site of the Iraqi Atomic Energy Agency in Al-Tuwaitha, south of Baghdad. The team split up into three groups:

Group I

The Group met with the liaison officer of the Iraqi Atomic Energy Agency with the National Monitoring Directorate in order to determine the sites it wished to visit.

Group II

The Group inspected the agriculture department and biology section, the fungus production research site, the laser building, the pesticide and protein production site, and the screw worm and soil research sections.

Group III

The Group inspected the environment department and the chemistry and pharmaceuticals department, and verified the tags on all the equipment. The Iraqis in charge explained the activities currently carried out at the site.

The team completed its work at 2.55 p.m. and arrived at the Canal Hotel at 3.15 p.m.

Additionally, at 9.05 a.m., a group comprised of four inspectors from the UNMOVIC biological weapons inspection team visited the Centre for the Control of Infectious Diseases, which had already been visited by the UNMOVIC biological weapons inspection team on Friday, 13 December. The group inspected the dual-use equipment, which it compared to the content of the Iraqi declarations. The team completed its work at 9.45 a.m.; the group joined the inspection team at the Iraqi Atomic Energy Agency site in Al-Tuwaitha.

III. UNMOVIC missile inspection team

The missile inspection team split up into two groups:

Group I

Group I, comprised of 14 inspectors headed by Mr. William Jolley, set out from the Canal Hotel in Baghdad at 8.45 a.m. and proceeded to the Al-Sumud Factory, belonging to the Al-Karama State Establishment, specializing in mechanical engineering. The IAEA inspection team had visited there previously, on 10 December. On arriving at the factory, the Group met with its director. It asked him a number of questions and he duly replied. The Group then inspected the administrative department offices, the computers and the buildings on the premises as well as tagged equipment.

Group II

Group II, comprised of 11 inspectors headed by Kenneth Grove, set out from the Canal Hotel in Baghdad at 8.30 a.m. and proceeded to the Al-Fateh Company, located in the Amiriya district of Baghdad, which specializes in research and consultancy. A meeting was held with the company director, who was questioned about the activities carried out there and on who utilizes its research.

The team completed its work at 11.35 a.m. and arrived at the Canal Hotel at 12.10 p.m.

IV. IAEA inspection team

The team was divided into four groups:

Group I

Group I was comprised of four inspectors headed by Mr. Greg Lavender. Group I set out from the Canal Hotel in Baghdad at 8.30 a.m. and arrived at the Al-Nasr State Enterprise at 9.05 a.m. The company, located 30 kilometres north of Baghdad, is one of the companies of the Ministry of Industry and Mining and specializes in mechanical industries. The Group inspected a number of buildings and examined the seals. It then proceeded to the Dhu-al-Fiqar Factory, belonging to the Al-Rashid State Establishment, adjacent to the Al-Nasr State Establishment, and inspected its machines. The group split up into two subgroups. The first subgroup visited the Al-Sumud State Establishment, near the Al-Nasr Establishment and the

Al-Nasr Al-Adhim State Establishment, in the Al-Dawrah area. The second subgroup took environmental specimens at the Al-Nasr State Establishment and the Dhu-al-Fiqar Factory. The Group completed its work and arrived at the hotel at 2.10 p.m.

Group II

Group II, comprised of three inspectors, set out from the Canal Hotel at 8.30 a.m., and, at 8.50 a.m., arrived at the Al-Tahadi State Establishment, located to the west of Baghdad, which specializes in high-voltage electrical installations. The company had already been visited by the IAEA inspection team on 27 November, the day on which inspection activities had begun. The Group conducted a radiometric survey with hand-held instruments in order to detect any radioactivity. It completed its work and, at 9.25 a.m., left the Establishment premises. The Group took a tour of the main thoroughfares and side streets of Baghdad's eastern quarter, conducting radiometric surveys with hand-held instruments to check for any radioactivity or undeclared sources of radiation. After completing its work, the Group arrived at the Canal Hotel at 11 a.m.

Group III

The Group was comprised of six inspectors headed by Mr. Robert Kelley. It set out from the Canal Hotel at 8.30 a.m., and, at 9.30 a.m., arrived at the Hattin State Establishment, located 50 kilometres south of Baghdad. The Group met with the Establishment's director, whom they questioned about material subject to the ongoing monitoring and verification system. The Group left and arrived at the Al-Quds State Establishment at 1 p.m. The Group asked competent officials at the Establishment about the nature of the work carried out there and visited a section of the buildings. The UNMOVIC inspection team had already visited the Establishment on 7 December. At 3.45 p.m., the team completed its work and split up into two subgroups. The first subgroup returned to the Hattin State Establishment and placed a seal on one of the warehouses. The second subgroup went to Al-Mahaweel Warehouse and inspected some of the materials subject to the ongoing monitoring and verification system. The Group completed its work at 5.10 p.m. and arrived at the Canal Hotel at 6.30 p.m.

Group IV

Group IV was comprised of seven inspectors, headed by Mr. Philip Caulfield. The Group set out from the Canal Hotel at 8.30 a.m. and went to the Al-Shahid State Establishment, in Amiriya Al-Fallujah, 70 kilometres west of Baghdad. The Group met with the Establishment's director and asked him about the Establishment's activities. It carried out an on-site inspection, which included the entire perimeter of the company, and familiarized itself with its stages of production. The Group conducted a radiometric survey with hand-held instruments of all sections of the Establishment to detect any radioactivity. It then took measurements in various places. At 1.35 p.m., the Group completed its work and arrived at the Dhu-al-Fiqar Factory at 2.45 p.m., which had been visited by one of the nuclear weapons groups that morning. Group IV requested clarification of aluminium tubing mentioned in the report of British Prime Minister Tony Blair, coming into and going out of the Factory, and on the quantity of spent tubes. The Group completed its work at 5.40 p.m. and returned to the Canal Hotel at 6.20 p.m.

V. Communications Group

The Communications Group, comprised of two inspectors, set out from the Canal Hotel. It inspected the transmission relay stations, included in the camera monitoring system, at the Samarra, Al-Qiyara and Al-Mishraq sites and inspected the premises of Al-Kindi Public Company, in Mosul with the aim of examining the rest of the company's camera monitoring system, which had been destroyed in the attack staged from 16 to 20 December 1998 by the United States of America and the United Kingdom. The Group spent the night in Mosul.

VI. Observations

1. The activities carried out by inspection teams today were marked by their intensity, their diversity and by the huge increase in the number of sites visited and the number of inspectors who participated in these tasks. A total of 16 sites were visited by 85 inspectors; 28 vehicles were utilized to transport them.

2. Most of the sites visited by the inspection teams today are among those mentioned in the reports of British Prime Minister Tony Blair, the United States State Department and the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA), which accuse Iraq of carrying out banned activities related to the manufacture of weapons of mass destruction.